

**TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 01-27-2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION:**

**Pastor Rodney Kidder – Pentecostals of Southlake**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLLCALL:**

6 members present, Mr. Goralczyk-absent (attending another meeting in Lowell)

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:**

**Proclamation-Black History Month-February 2009-Motion to approve by Mr. Hardaway,second by Mr. Widing. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.**

**Proclamation-Republic of Lithuania-Celebrate 91<sup>st</sup>. Anniversary of Independence on Feb. 16, 2009. Motion to approve made by Mr. Widing, second by Mr. Huish. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.**

**Proclamation-Silver Star Banner Day-Declare on May 1, 2009. Motion to approve made by Mr. Huish, second by Mr. Shudick. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval-January 27, 2009-Motion to approve made by Mr. Hardaway, second by Mr. Pettit. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.

Approval of January 13, 2009 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hardaway, second by Mr. Pettit. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

**NO REPORT**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**NO REPORT**

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

**Mr. Pettit made a motion to instruct the Zoning Administrator to go out for requests for demolition services. It's under 75,000.00 and only need 3 quotes for properties at 30 W. 73<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. and 27 W. 73<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. in Merrillville to be removed. Mr. Sylwestrowicz second it. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.**

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

**Mr. Pettit stated that before the next Town Council Meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for The Personnel Committee for the health insurance at 5 or 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**NO REPORT**

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

**NO REPORT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

**NO REPORT**

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

**Mr. Hardaway announced that a new camera to video the council meetings will be on our web site in a week.**

**May 11-16<sup>th</sup> is Municipal Week-Stand Ins for all elected officials and attorneys.**

**Planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade will be announced at the next council meeting.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
NO REPORT**

**UTILITY LIAISON:  
NO REPORT**

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE 09-01**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Merrillville, Indiana creating one new budget line item and transferring monies within the Planning & Building Department Budget. Mr. Widing made the motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second it. 6/0 roll call vote to approve was made.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE 08-39**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Merrillville, Indiana establishing a storm water utility user fee and adopting storm water service user fee rates and policies for the Town of Merrillville, Indiana. Mr. Huish made the motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second it. Mr. Hardaway asked if something needed to be read into this Ordinance and Howard Fink responded yes as follows: There was a change from first to second reading. This change was noted in a memo to the Town Council the first time the Ordinance was read at second reading. On this current second reading, the legal advertisement included this change in verbiage. If all agreed to, this change should be heard as an amendment to the ordinance to reflect how it was advertised for today's meeting. The change is located in section Four:User Fee Structure(in the table) Again Mr. Huish made the motion and Mr. Hardaway second it with the amendment. 6/0 roll call vote to approve was made.

**ORDINANCE 08-49**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Merrillville, Indiana affirming previous application fees for tax abatement application petitions. Mr. Hardaway made the motion to approve and Mr. Huish second it. 6/0 roll call vote to approve was made.

**RESOLUTIONS:  
NO REPORT**

**BZA ACTIONS:**

**Petitioner: Southlake Community Mental Health Center Inc.**

**Owner: Southlake Community Mental Health Center Inc.**

**Location: 8555 Taft Street**

**Request: Variance of use approval in a C-3,Highway Commercial Zone**

**Purpose: For proposed 15 unit apartment building for select chronically mentally ill adults.**

**Case: Z55uV13-1208—No conditions** Mr. Hardaway made the motion to approve and Mr. Pettit second it. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.

**Petitioner: Williamsburg Limited Partnership an IL Limited Partnership**

**Owner: Williamsburg Limited Partnership an IL Limited Partnership**

**Request: Special exception approval in a C-3 Highway Commercial Zone**

**Purpose: Adult Day Care Facility**

**Location: 8672 Broadway**

**Case No: Z57E15-1208**

**Conditions: For this petitioner only at this location only for this use only.**

Mr. Hardaway made the motion to approve and Mr. Huish second it. 6/0 voice vote to approve was made.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pettit is asking Mr. Spires and Attorney Bower to meet with Public Works Director of Crown Point regarding the 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Phase 2 Maintenance of the medians.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hardaway asked Dorinda Gregor regarding the Phase 2 construction:He wants all trucks, plow blades in the driveway out of there because it is not a commercial area.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on cassette tape and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Plan Commission Workshop, Tuesday, February 3, 2009-CANCELLED

Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 2009

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**Ron Widing, Town Council President**

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**Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer**